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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH-PAKISTAN NEGOTIATIONS

1. DURING DISCUSSION DECEMBER 18, FCO SOUTH ASIAN DEPT. HEAD CHALMERS TOLD US AMBASSADOR GOLDS FROM DACCA IS DUE BACK ON CONSULTATION NEXT WEEK. HE HAD A MEETING RECENTLY WITH LAW MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN IN WHICH HOSSAIN SOUNDED MORE FORTHCOMING THAN EVER BEFORE ON 195 POWS TO BE HELD BACK FOR TRIAL. HOSSAIN INTIMATED VERY CLEARLY TO GOLDS THAT MUJIB WOULD NOT MAKE TRIAL OF 195 A STICKING POINT IF PAKISTAN WENT AHEAD SATISFAC-TORILY WITH RECOGNITION AND OTHER OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS.

2. HOSSAIN TOLD GOLDS HE WAS AT LIBERTY TO PASS THIS MESSAGE ON. HOWEVER, FCO DOES NOT FEEL IT SHOULD GET INTO MIDDLE OF THIS. BANGLADESH CAN EASILY PASS MESSAGE TO PAKISTAN THROUGH INDIANS IF IT WISHES.

3. CHALMERS OPINED THAT ANY MEETING BETWEEN BHUTTO AND MUJIB SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PREPARED AND AGREEMENTS WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE BY TRUSTED OFFICIALS ON EACH SIDE, TO AVOID POSSIBLY DISASTROUS CLASH. ON THE WHOLE HE THOUGHT
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THINGS ARE MOVING PRETTY WELL IN THAT DIRECTION.

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